

## **CE NEWS**

# Alaska State Library Continuing Education Newsletter

### **Upcoming Webinars**

- Storytelling for Community Relationships
- Developing an Attitude of Gratitude in the Library
- <u>Using Data to Understand Your Community</u>
  and Measure Impact

#### **Fake News Resources**

Fake news: Recognizing and stemming misinformation-Consumer Action webpage with link to fake news fact sheet, information on how to identify fake news and recommended dos and don'ts.

The International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) -How to Spot Fake News poster

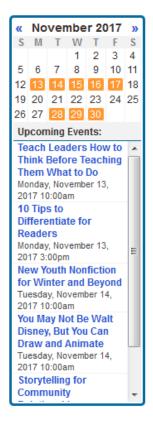
American Libraries Live-<u>Tackling Fake News</u> (November 1, 2017 archived webinar)

Fact-checking sites: Snopes

FactCheck.org

**PolitiFact** 

#### **Events Calendar**



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# The Future of Truth and Misinformation Online

In the summer of 2017, the Pew Research Center and Elon University's Imagining the Internet canvassed a large group of technologists, scholars and strategic thinkers and asked them to react to the following question:

In the next 10 years, will trusted methods emerge to block false narratives and allow the most accurate information to prevail in the overall information ecosystem? Or will the quality and veracity of information online deteriorate due to the spread of unreliable, sometimes even dangerous, social destabilizing ideas?

51% of respondents believe that the information environment will NOT improve, and 49% believe it will improve.

Those who don't believe the information environment will improve cited the following two reasons: The fake news ecosystem preys on some of our deepest human instincts, and our brains are not wired to contend with the pace of technological change.

Those who believe that things WILL improve believe cited the following reasons: Technology can help fix these problems and it is also human nature to come together and fix problems.

Finally, there was common agreement among respondents that the public needs to fund and support the production of objective, accurate information and information literacy needs to expanded, elevated and an ongoing educational effort for people of all ages.